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Commissioners table Northville Downs project

Members of the City of Northville Planning Commission will hear more about the updated site plan for the Northville Downs property at a meeting Feb. 15 despite objections from the developer.

Commission Chair Donna Tinberg told those in attendance at the meeting that a vote on the site plan for the 48-acre Northville Downs property would have to be tabled due to time constraints at the Senior Center where the meeting took place. Her announcement prompted a strong response from Hunter Pasteur CEO Randy Wertheimer who suggested that his company would pay any extra fees incurred at the Senior Center to move the meeting to a vote. Tinberg explained that the commission was allocated the space until 10:30 p.m. and the 3 ½ hour meeting had nearly exceeded that time.

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"Our team has put too much energy and too much time into this to have it end with a curfew and no vote," Wertheimer said. "This is an unacceptable outcome tonight. If we have to stay an extra 10 to 15 minutes, we'll pay the overtime to the staff. To have no vote at all is absolutely unacceptable. I can't tell you how disappointed I am."

Tinberg countered by saying a vote would not be possible because there was not enough time for further discussion. She requested a motion to table the discussion until the Feb. 15 meeting which was approved by a 6-3 vote. A motion for adjournment followed and was approved by the same 6-3 vote.

During the meeting, commissioners heard an initial report from Planning Consultant Sally Elmiger, along with presentations from Wertheimer and Hunter Pasteur associate Seth Herkowicz.

Elmiger reminded the commissioners their job was to ensure that the site plan presented by the developer was "generally complete" prior to scheduling a public hearing on the plan. She outlined six issues of the plan in need of review. Elmiger noted several deviations from the zoning ordinance including narrower setbacks and taller building heights for some of the town homes - but suggested that these deviations create a desirable site design, based on the recent Master Plan discussions.

Wertheimer told the commis-

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Snow day

Romulus Police Ofc. Rodney Cofield, above, was the department representative in the impromptu sled race for charity that drew officers from 15 downriver law enforcement organizations to a sledding hill in Civic Center Park in Woodhaven during the blizzard last week. Officers from various area departments slid down the embankment on "doughnut" sleds provided by Motor City Canoe Rental in Flat Rock in concentrated efforts to reach the bottom of the hill before their fellow lawmen. The event, prompted by some good-natured and exaggerated trash talk between departments, escalated into a serious charity event which attracted a crowd of about 200 observers rooting for their municipal men in blue. Woodhaven Ofc. Ryan Zimmers won "by a glove" and took home a trophy to prove it. Thanks to generous community support, the event generated $10,000 to be divided between Downriver for Veterans in Wyandotte and Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor. Cofield has been with the Romulus department since 2015 and is the School Building Officer at Romulus High School. A second police "doughnut" race took place Tuesday.

B.I.N.G.O.

Annual Plymouth Ice Festival includes game prizes to visitors

In addition to the artistic attraction of the 100 or so sculptures filling the downtown streets during the Plymouth Ice Festival this weekend, visitors will have another reason to visit downtown shops and restaurants.

Sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and the Plymouth Rotary Club, the festival will include a Bingo game designed to bring visitors into local businesses. Last year, during the event, thousands of visitors enjoyed the game and the multiple prizes and gift certificates offered by local merchants.

James Gietzen, of JAG Entertainment which produces the festival, said the game was an added inducement to visitors and a help to both local merchants and the community.

"Once again, the Rotary Club has contributed to ensuring the success of this community event," he said. The Rotary Foundation has helped subsidize the purchase of the ice carvings at the merchants participating in the Bingo games, he explained.

To play, visitors simply pick up an empty Bingo card at one of the participating merchants, and then begin collecting stickers from the others in the downtown area who are participating in the game. Visitors fill their cards with stickers from the various businesses until one line on the card is filled creating a Bingo. Visitors can then take a photo of the board and email it to bingo@plymouthmi.gov to enter the contest drawing. A grand prize winner will be randomly selected from entries that have filled the entire game card.

"It means more ice carvings which makes the event more successful," Gietzen said. "This is one more time the Rotary Club has helped to ensure the success of a community event in addition to all the contributions the club and foundation make to so many area groups and clubs."

Gietzen said he believes the game will be attractive to visitors because it is fun gathering the various stickers necessary to fill the card to complete Bingo. The cards are then turned into the DDA and entered into a drawing for gift cards and prizes. There are 24 local businesses participating in the game this year.

"It is fun," Gietzen said. "Last year the merchants gave away more than 50 gift cards to players."

The Bingo cards and stickers are available at the participating businesses identified by signage in the front of the individual businesses.

Sumpter officials urged to re-open tri-county museum

Members of the Sumpter township Board of Trustees were treated to a history lesson during the Jan. 25 meeting.

Mary Ban used the public comment portion of the meeting agenda to remind the board members and the public of the importance of Sumpter Township in the history of the area. She displayed copies of several historic artifacts, including a Rosie the Riveter poster, and books detailing the history of the area as she explained the importance to the community of the Belleville Area Museum and the artifacts there.

She explained that the Rosie poster was symbolic of the many, many local women who worked long hours at the Willow Run airport to help make parts and planes to help with the World War II effort.

"I want to see that museum open as soon as possible," Ban said. She said that the closing of the museum by Van Buren Township officials in light of the pandemic nearly two years ago was significant. Ban said that the history of the area was important to the future and that the museum was the caretaker of many historic treasures of the area and tri-county.

Her presentation was prompted by recent comments suggesting that Sumpter officials explore the possibility of a museum dedicated to the township.

"Sumpter Township is part of the community," she said, adding she doesn't want to strug-

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Canton - Sumpter

Centuries-old family lumber businesses combine

Two of the oldest, family-owned building suppliers in the state recently joined forces as Mans Lumber and Millwork partnered with Dillman & Upton, the premier home improvement center in Oakland County.

Mans, located in Canton Township, also has operations in Ann Arbor and Trenton. Mans began as shipbuilders in 1900. While evolving to meet the changing needs of customers during the last century, Mans remains a family-owned and operated business.

The sale ensured the 110-year-old Dillman & Upton will also remain a family business, which was important to both partners, said Doug Mans, the president of Mans Lumber and Millwork.

"We wanted to prioritize keeping it a family business," said Mans. "It's part of our five-year plan to identify the need for locally owned building material businesses like ours to have both a plan for transition and succession."

By teaming up with Dillman & Upton, Mans Lumber has created one of the largest suppliers of lumber and millwork in the region.

The partnership creates a company with more than 230 employees. Former co-owners Brad Upton and Todd Upton remain on staff as general manager and sales manager, respectively, along with all 60 of their employees. Saving local jobs, especially amid the pandemic, was important to both partners.

"This partnership will help us to continue to grow and improve our ability to compete in today's incredibly diverse and rapidly changing marketplace," said Brad Upton and Todd Upton. "We have had a relationship with Mans Lumber and Millwork for decades; they're already like family, and now is the best time to join forces."

The last few years resulted in soaring sales for Mans. In 2020, Mans saw a 30 percent growth in sales, with 2021 projections expected to exceed that figure.

Museum

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gle to set up a Sumpter museum, but to reopen the museum that carries treasures from the whole tri-community.

Ban stressed the importance of preserving the history of Sumpter Township and the entire area to the trustees and suggested that each of them read a book detailing the history of the community from 1840 to 1910 written by Jeanne Hartwick. She said the book was "a treasure" and that it could be purchased at the museum once it is reopened. She also cited The Story of Willow Run by Marian Wilson, which is available at the Yankee Air Museum, and the "Rosie the Riveter Cookbook," only available at the museum as valuable records of the history of the area.

Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick said there is a copy of the Hartwick book at the media center across the street from township hall available to residents.

"I pray they will put the museum in operation, soon," Ban said. "It carries rich, rich history from all three communities." Her remarks were met with applause from the audience members.

Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman explained that he and Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara had discussed the future of the museum and they hope to discuss the matter with Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley.

Van Buren Township owns the building in which the museum is housed and Belleville and Sumpter contribute annually to the operation of the facility.

The Sumpter contribution during the past few years has been $10,000 according to Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush although the Sumpter contribution was suspended until such time as the museum was re-opened.

The Belleville Area Museum

No date for a discussion about the history of the museum by the three municipal leaders was announced.

Sumpter Township to increase testing of water quality

Sumpter Township residents interested in having their water tested for lead contamination can register with the Department of Public Works (DPW) for the service.

Township DPW Director John Danci told members of the township board of trustees that increased testing for lead and contaminants in the township water supply would be required this year. He explained that the national census showed that the population of Sumpter Township had increased to more than 10,000 residents which would require the increase in water testing. He said the federal requirements would necessitate the testing of residential water quality at 30 sites in the township rather than the previous 20 sites as dictated by the regulations.

Danci explained that this offered an opportunity to local residents who may have concerns about the water quality or lead or copper in their water.

"If they contact my officer, we can put them on the list for testing," Danci said. He explained that anyone who pays a water bill in the township could request the testing as part of the 30 required tests.

For more information, call (734) 461-6201 Ext. 12242 or email johndanci@sumpter-twp.org.

Coffee with a Cop served

The Canton Township Police Department will host Coffee with a Cop from 9-11 a.m. Feb. 12 at St. Michael Lutheran Church.

The informal gathering is a chance to "pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee and get to know your local police and ordinance officers," officials said. Visitors are urged to ask questions, tell officers about individual neighborhoods, or share concerns.

The coffee is free and the conversation is informal and informative, they added. St. Michael Lutheran Church is located at 7000 Sheldon Road Canton, MI 48187.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works, 4847 Sheldon Road S, Canton, Michigan 48188. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Division of Public Works at 734/397-1011 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 24, 2022 for the following:

TOWING SERVICES

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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NORTHVILLE

Contamination from landfill to be meeting topic

More expert information regarding the per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFS) contamination near the Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township will be available during a virtual update from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 by the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART).

Representatives from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will host the online meeting. After the presentations and updates, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions.

"This is a terrific opportunity to learn the latest information about the Arbor Hills Landfill from our partners in state government," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo.

Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are long-lasting chemicals that resist heat, oil and water, breaking down slowly over time. Because of their widespread use and persistence in the environment, they are present at low levels in a variety of foods and in the water, air, fish and soil. According to Environmental Protection Agency experts, studies have shown that PFAS exposure may be linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals.

Arbor Hill Landfill

Northville Township filed a lawsuit against Arbor Hills Landfill in November 2021 claiming that the landfill operators violated prior agreements with the township by dumping wastewater into Johnson Creek and discharging wastewater with excess contaminants into the township sewer system.

"The lawsuit was necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Northville Township residents, Abbo said.

To register for and participate in the online meeting, visit the website https://bit.ly/3qJYxRT. Pre-registration and providing a name are not required to attend the meeting. Anyone interested in participating may also go to the website at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 to join the meeting.

Those without internet access may listen to the meeting by calling (636) 651-3142 and entering the conference code 374288#.

The meeting will be recorded and posted within a few days after the meeting along with materials. The meeting can be viewed on the website https://www.youtube.com/michiganegle.

For questions about the Arbor Hills Landfill environmental investigation, contact Brett Coulter, coulterb1@michigan.gov or (517) 614-7714. For questions related to PFAS and health, contact Lisa Fischer, MDHHS at fischerl@michigan.gov, (517) 331-2523 or (800) 648-6942.

Anyone needing language assistance or accommodations for effective participation at the meeting should contact Kelly Ploehn, ploehnk@michigan.gov, by Feb. 18 to request language, visual, hearing, translation or other assistance.

"We look forward to your attendance," Abbo said.

Downs

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sioners that the project as designed was not only the "best in Michigan" but also one of "the most tremendous plans in the United States." Herkowicz focused on four aspects of the plan: 1) revisions to the plan presented for PUD eligibility, 2) geotechnical aspects, including daylighting the river, 3) funding public benefits and 4) review of consultant Dan Burden's analysis of site walkability.

The developer noted the cost of the Northville Downs project is projected to be $225 million. Within four years of finishing the first home in 2024, the city could realize $2.1 million in tax revenue, based on data provided by the developer and evaluated by the city finance director and assessor.

Plan changes included 474 residential units (of all types) rather than 481 with 19 fewer town homes, 17 fewer single-family homes, the addition of 26 carriage homes, attached 1-1/2 story condos with front-facing garages, closer to Seven Mile, and three additional row houses. The number of condos and apartments within two separate large buildings fronting Cady Street would stay the same. Single-family home sites would vary in lot width from 52 feet wide to 73 feet wide and lot depth would be 120 to 132 feet. Town homes would be repositioned along Center Street and have peaked roofs near neighborhood homes and flat roofs along Beal Street. - to blend in with the multi-family properties there. The setback along Center Street has been adjusted to 15 to 17 feet to be consistent with the primary "entryway" character of the street and the Master Plan.

Commercial space in this project available for rent to tenants is proposed at just over 12,000 feet, with an additional 4,000 feet for residential lobbies and leasing office. A consultant hired by the Downtown Development Authority advised that Cady Street can accommodate up to 50,000 feet of commercial space.

Artist's rendering of Northville Downs project

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Wayne - Westland

City, schools join to recognize students' kindness

Educators and students throughout the Wayne-Westland Community Schools District are watching for random acts of kindness.

The district and the city have partnered on a project to identify and recognize students who have demonstrated random acts of kindness as part of the Compassion Project.

Westland Mayor William R. Wild and Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Dr. John Dignan are both supporting the project which will be in cooperation with the district current Positive Behavior Interventions and other programs in all school buildings. Currently, there is a mailbox installed at all school building to collect student and teacher suggestions for recognition of compassionate acts.

Each month, school administrators review all reported compassionate acts and choose a winner for each school. Each winning student receives a gift card and three of the monthly winners attend the Westland City Council meeting where they are formally recognized for their kindness.

Recently, MJR Theaters announced their partnership in the effort. MJR Theater management has donated 153 admit-one passes for students recognized as part of the Compassion Project.

"As proud members of the Westland community, we are honored to be a part of this program and its initiative to recognize those students who are doing their part to create a kinder and better place for those around them," commented Anthony Taylor, MJR marketing director.

"I am proud of the students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools District for displaying Random Acts of Kindness to their fellow classmates.

"With each act, they are encouraging a culture of care and positively impacting those around them. Thank you MJR Theaters for becoming a partner and helping to build a more compassionate city," Wild said.

"As we strive to encourage our students to act with kindness, we are ultimately creating a more compassionate community.

"We are proud to be a part of the Compassion Project and very thankful to MJR Theaters for their support in our efforts," noted Dignan.

Six students have already been honored at meetings of the Westland City Council.

Wayne Westland district receives $3 million technology grant

Remote learning will become far more efficient in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools following the announcement of a $3 million grant to fund technology.

The school district was awarded the Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant through the Federal Communications Commission last month. The grant is part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to help schools and libraries support remote learning, officials noted.

"Wayne-Westland received the biggest award in Michigan. We would like to thank our technology department for targeting this grant to address the device and connectivity shortcomings experienced by our students," said Dr. John Dignan, superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The funds will be used to provide all kindergarten through fourth-grade students with an iPad with built-in cellular data capability. It will also provide nearly 1,700 fifth through 12-grade students with a Chromebook with built-in cellular data, school officials said.

During the 2020-2021 academic year, the school district provided devices to all students and internet hot spots to students who needed them to accommodate remote learning.

District school buses were also equipped with mobile Wi-Fi and deployed to locations throughout the community to ensure that students had access to remote classes.

Officials said that this was not a long-term and sustainable solution for "challenges that demand simplicity, reliability and portability." These devices will allow students to have guaranteed Wi-Fi, the said.

"This will be a game-changer for our students with the LTE devices. This will also help our homeless, foster students and families that do not have access to the internet. We are looking at over 5,000 LTE devices that will be purchased through this grant," Dignan said.

Dog park survey seeking on-line input from owners

Dog owners in Westland are being encouraged to "speak" up about a proposed new park in the city.

Westland officials have proposed a new dog park to be installed in the city this spring under the control of the city Department of Parks and Recreation. Funding for the proposed project will be provided through the parks and recreation budget, allocating $150,000 for fiscal year 2021-2022.

The new park will be located next to the Department of Public Service building at 37137 Marquette and will include a perimeter fence to keep both dogs and residents safe. The off-leash dog park will also feature separate sections for small and large dogs.

Residents can provide their input by participating in a short survey which allows participants to note their preference of a configuration for the park along with frequency of use and number of dogs. Officials said the survey is an effort to ensure that the first dog park in the city will include the amenities most sought by pet owners. The city is also looking for a "doggone good name" for the park.

The results of the online survey will be discussed at the Parks and Recreation Department Advisory Council public meeting set for 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road.

"The All-American City looks forward to offering this great new amenity to the Westland residents and their special four-legged friends as well," commented Mayor William R. Wild encouraging residents to complete the on-line survey available on the city website under the parks and recreation tab.

Safety first

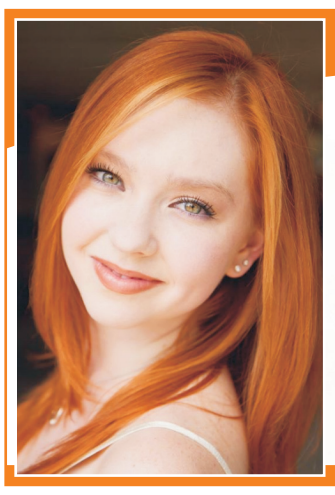
City of Westland Planning Director Moe Ayoub has been appointed to serve on the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Traffic Safety Task Force. The goal of this task force is to develop a Southeast Michigan Traffic Safety Plan. The plan will be an update and expansion upon the current plan adopted by SEMCOG in 2015. The plan will identify key safety needs in the region and guide investment decisions to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on Southeast Michigan roadways, officials said.

Spring Tea Party planned

The Wayne Historical Society members are hosting a Spring Tea Party:1922 from 1-3 p.m. March 2.

The event will take place in the Wayne Historical Museum and will be professionally catered by Victoria's Tea Salon. The theme is 1920s, so guests are urged to find a vintage costume or wear a fancy hat.

Tickets are priced at $35 and can be purchased online through Eventbrite, or in the museum located at One Town Square in downtown Wayne.Ticket Link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-tea-party-1922-tickets-251465679617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1. Obituaries

John Allen Rhaesa

John Allen Rhaesa, 81, died Feb. 3, 2022 surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Rhaesa was born Nov. 7, 1940 in Detroit to James Robert and Eleanor Elise (Ironside) Rhaesa. After graduation from Wayne Memorial High School in 1959, Mr. Rhaesa joined the U.S. Army. Upon his discharge in 1966, he began his 47 year-long career at Rose Exterminator Co. / Bio-Serv Corporation. He retired from Bio-Serv in 2013.

He married the love of his life Gail Ann Hauser in 1968 and the couple moved to Westland where they raised their two sons, John Paul (Natalie) and Sean Allen.

In addition to his wife, sons and daughter-in-law, Mr. Rhaesa is also survived by his brother, the Rev. James William (Barbara) Rhaesa and two sisters, Janet Florence Hayes and Eleanor Lois Thompson.

He was predeceased by his parents, a sister, Loretta Hazel Rhaesa; brothers, Thomas Leigh Rhaesa and Robert Andrew Rhaesa.

A visitation is planned for Mr. Rhaesa at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Road in Westland from 2 until 8 p.m. Feb. 10 and from 10 until 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at Clarenceville United Methodist Church where Mr. Rhaesa and his wife were active members until his illness.

Funeral services are planned from 11 a.m. until noon at the church located at 20300 Middlebelt Road in Livonia.

His final resting place will be Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

59. Auctions

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INKSTER - ROMULUS

Malcolm X home placed on historic register

The Inkster home where Malcolm X once lived has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The home was placed on the national register, officials said, on Nov. 29 and was announced in a formal statement from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation last week.. The Williams Street home is being renovated and restored by a non-profit group funded by donations and a $380,000 grant from the National Park Service African American Civil Rights program.

Project organizers are planning the construction of a museum at the home which will highlight the legacy of Malcolm X who lived there with his brother, Wilfred Little. He moved to the home following his incarceration on burglary charges in Boston in 1952. The house was abandoned and left to ruin for decades until Aaron Sims, founder of Project We Hope, Dream & Believe, rescued the home from the Inkster demolition list. The organization has now purchased three lots on Williams Street, two next door to the home and one across the street, where construction of a community center and a job training/youth tutorial center are planned.

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The designation on the historic register was by a unanimous vote of the nine members of the State Historic Preservation Review Board. To qualify for the designation, the building must be at least 50 years old and have a significant relationship to major events or trends in the history of a community, state or nation.

Sims, now the executive director of Project We Hope, Dream & Believe, said the group is "working hard" toward the rehabilitation of the home which, he said, will focus on the life and legacy of Malcolm X and his human and civil rights activism.

Wayne State University Professor and Project We Hope, Dream & Believe Project Manager Dr. Tareq A. Ramadan said they are working with the Wayne State Anthropology Department as part of the project.

"Malcolm had a relationship with Wayne State, too. In October of 1963, he gave a speech there in front of hundreds of students in the still-standing State Hall building, so it is befitting that the university and its students will be involved, again, today," Ramadan said.

Sims said they hope to have the renovation completed and the museum open to the public by August of 2023.

Born Malcolm Little, Malcolm X was shot and killed on Feb. 21, 1965, in New York City as he addressed his Organization of Afro-American Unity at the Audubon Ballroom in Washington Heights. He was 39.

Hospital donates $15,000 unit to fire department

Life saving efforts in the Romulus Fire Department have been pumped up with the addition of a mechanized chest compression unit for use in resuscitation attempts.

The device, a LUCAS - an acronym for Lund University Cardiac Assist System-was donated to the department by Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, and includes the chest compression unit, with accompanying charger, battery and power supply, valued at about $15,000. Officials said the new equipment will allow the Romulus Fire Department to provide consistent, quality chest compressions during resuscitation attempts, improving patient outcome as much as possible before arriving to the emergency room.

"The Romulus Fire Department is pleased to partner with Beaumont, Wayne, and this most recent donation of the LUCAS chest compression unit will better support us in our mission to save lives and serve the community," said Chief Kevin Krause, director of fire services and emergency management for the City of Romulus. "Today's announcement (of the donation) is another step in our continuing efforts to prioritize bringing life-saving technology and equipment to the city."

The LUCAS chest compression kit can benefit any patient but is most frequently used in cardiac arrest emergencies. The equipment allows first responders to keep patients in better condition, for longer periods of time, while in transit to the hospital, according to health officials.

"It is important to support our community partners and strengthen the capabilities of our incredible first responders," said Jeffrey Chicoine, regional community affairs manager for Beaumont Health. "We want to do everything we can to improve patient outcomes, especially in these challenging times."

Kristine Donahue, chief operating officer of Beaumont, Wayne, highlighted the importance of collaboration between the hospital and the fire department.

"Providing this life-saving equipment to our partners at the Romulus Fire Department is just one small gesture to acknowledge their continued support of the Beaumont Hospital, Wayne campus," she added. "We are grateful this equipment will enhance the care they provide to the community."

Romulus officials and fire personnel admire the new LUCAS (Lund University Cardiac Assist System) donated to the fire department by Beaumont Hospital Wayne. The $15,0000 device provides steady chest compression for patients during transport.

The City of Romulus Fire Department averages 15 calls a day, roughly 80 percent of which require Emergency Medical Services (EMS) support, Krause said.

"The department recently obtained Advanced Life Support (ALS) certification, giving Romulus firefighters the ability to treat patients on the scene and transport them directly to the hospital instead of waiting for EMS support to arrive. This reduces the number of emergency vehicles on the road and improves patient outcomes.

"The LUCAS equipment will provide firefighters additional support when working to improve patient outcomes, as it offers better results than basic CPR," he said.

"Curling Royale"

5th Annual

in

Downtown

Romulus

Saturday, February 12, 2022, 12:00 to 3:00 pm

(This event is pending ice freezing weather. The backup date is the next Saturday: February 19, 2022)

Mary Ann Banks Park

37200 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174

TEAM registration $20 per person

Registration begins at 11:00 am

*All proceeds of this fun event will help fund the

"Romulus Flyers Youth Football and Cheer"

Looking for 4-Person Teams

Pre-registration not required, but recommended

Sign-up your team in advance by calling (734) 942-7571

NO experience necessary!

Snacks and refreshments available for purchase

(*This event pending freezing weather)

*Join us for a special Happy Hour at Artisan Reserve following the event

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City of Romulus

ANNUAL DOG & CAT INOCULATIONS

& CITY LICENSING

February 26, 2022 - 9:00 am-1:00 pm

at the

Romulus DPW, 12600 Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174

Dog License Fees	Residents	Seniors
Unsexed - 1 YR. License	$3.00	$1.50
Unsexed - 2 YR. License	$5.00	$2.50
Unsexed - 3 YR. License	$8.00	$4.00
Intact - 1 YR. License	$7.00	$3.50
Intact - 2.YR. License	$12.00	$6.00
Intact - 3 YR. License	$15.00	$7.50

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: A registration table will be outside at the back of the building. Please register your pet and return to your car. The Vet Assistant will call you for your appointment. ONLY 1 OR 2 PERSONS ALLOWED INSIDE WITH YOUR PET, including children.

Dog Vaccinations		Cat Vaccinations	
1-year Rabies	$15.00	1-year Rabies	$15.00
3-year Rabies	$17.00	3-year Rabies	$17.00
DHLPP & Bordatella	$54.00	RCP & FELV	$38.00
Lyme	$33.00	Heart Worm Test too!	
Microchip	$30.00		
Heart Worm Test (Pills Available)	$19.00	(Vaccinations and Heartworm tests only)	
Fecal Analysis (Bring bagged stool sample)	$18.00		
K-9 Influenza	$38.00		

A Portion of the Proceeds will be donated to the Romulus Animal Shelter by Dr. John Herman

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* For more information call the Romulus Animal Shelter (734) 942-7591 or 942-6851

Plymouth

Former Plymouth Township treasurer is mourned

Ronald A. Edwards, who served five terms as treasurer of Plymouth Township, died Feb. 2, 2022.

Mr. Edwards, 66, who was a sometimes-controversial figure in township government, left public office in 2016. During his time in office he founded and oversaw the Fourth of July fireworks display and the "Good Old Fashioned Fourth of July Family Picnic."

Family members described Mr. Edwards as "gregarious, awkward, chronically late, and a deal-seeking shopaholic." They said he was also extremely generous and giving of his time. Mr. Edwards, they said, was prone to long drives in search of locally-owned hardware stores and could point out the location of every wastewater treatment plant in existence. Mr. Edwards and his family often spent vacations in Hawaii and those with him were required to join him on the beach at 6:15 every evening to watch the sunset.

Mr. Edwards was born in Detroit on July 24, 1955 to the late Molly (nee Bokolor) and Roland Edwards.

Among his survivors is his wife of 42 years, Mary Pat (née Mikkelsen); his four children, Thomas (Melissa) Edwards, Theresa Edwards, Mark (Sara) Edwards and Matthew (Michelle) Edwards; grandchildren, Preston, Nora, Theo and Emma; sisters, Marilyn Edwards and Deborah (Raul) Onoro.

Private services for the family are planned and a public memorial and celebration of Mr. Edwards' life will take place at a later date.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Ice Festival organizer credits sponsors for event success

Thousands of visitors are expected to stroll through downtown Plymouth during the 40th Annual Ice Festival this weekend, enjoying the free family event.

The "free" event, however, is a very expensive and time-consuming production which takes months of planning and a hefty budget to produce.

Those costs, for insurance, tons of ice, city permits and artists and general labor are completely funded by corporate and business sponsorships and by local merchants who purchase the 350-pound ice carvings displayed in front of the various businesses.

Neither the city or the township contributes financially to the event, which like all others in the community, is required to pay permit fees to the city to fund any extra trash disposal and fire and police personnel fees. No tax or municipal funds are spent in producing the event, organizers stressed.

James Gietzen of JAG Entertainment which has been managing the Ice Festival for about 10 years, arranges for the purchase of the blocks of ice and hires the professional ice sculptors to turn them into the works of art displayed throughout the community and in Kellogg Park. Depending on the level of participation from local merchants, and sponsorships, the ice alone is usually about a $10,000 to $15,000 expense.

There is also the cost of general operations and while Gietzen is grateful for the volunteer help from the community each year, there are also costs for professional production staffing and the ice sculptors.

"We could not do this without the volunteers and the sponsors," Gietzen said. "This is really a community event with so many people and businesses participating. The sponsors really deserve a huge thanks for bringing this kind of family event to the area.

"I think this event really demonstrates the sense of community in Plymouth. It's just a great example of the way the entire community is involved," Gietzen said.

"People can come out to see all the good things that are still going on in the community and enjoy some time outside. This year, especially, I think it is timely and something people will really enjoy."

Sponsors this year include Michigan First Credit Union; Genisis Credit Union; Ehlers Heating and Cooling; Michigan Educational Credit Union; IHA; Wade Trim; Blackwell Ford, E.G. Nick's; Greko Printing; Community Financial and Howard Hanna Real Estate.

Student record sale set

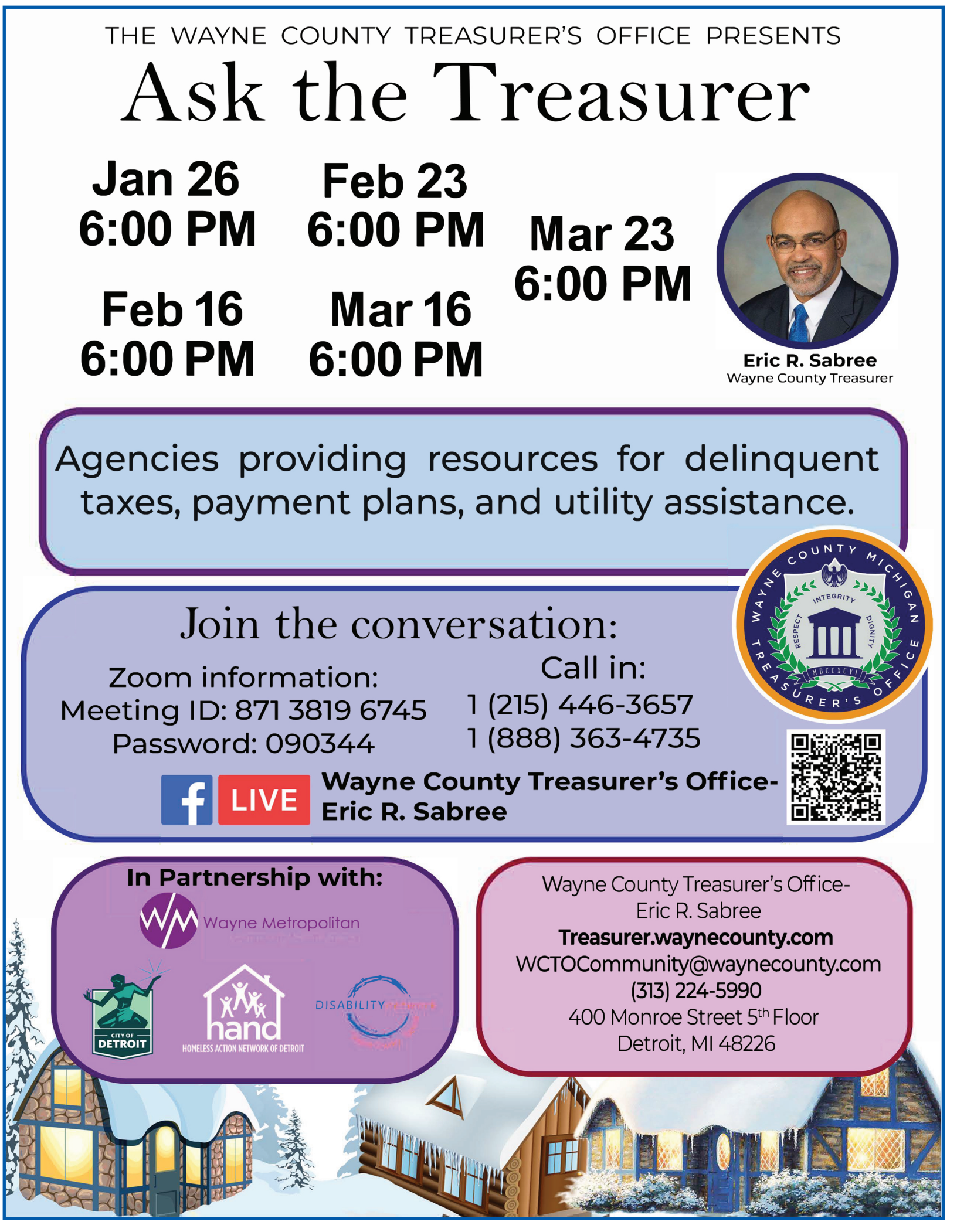
The past may help the future of the student radio station operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The 13th Annual 88.1 Record Show will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 in the Salem High School cafeteria. All proceeds from the sale of thousands of vinyl records available, along with CDs, import-only releases, t-shirts, posters and other collectibles will benefit the nationally-recognized and award-winning student radio station.

The show will also feature special giveaways and door prizes in addition to a wide variety of vendors. More than 400 people attended the show in 2020 and organizers hope to build on that success this year, based on the resurgence of interest in vinyl records.

"We've worked hard to create a record show that's perfect for the longtime collector and for those that are new to vinyl. It's amazing to see so many music fans, from all generations, together in one place," said Emma Johnston, program director for 88.1 The Park.

Admission to the 88.1 The Park record show, during normal show hours, is $3. Collectors looking to get an early start to their shopping can gain early admission between 9 and 10 a.m. for $5. Students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools will receive free admission with a student ID.

All of the proceeds will benefit 88.1 The Park, and will help the station to continue serving the community with unique programming and broadcast training for students.

Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road the corner of Joy and Canton Center Road.